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THE CLAIMS

**LISTING OF CLAIMS** 

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the application.

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1.-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

sequentially initiating, by a computer based calling system, a first call and a second call to a first

phone number and a second phone number, respectively, in response to sequentially receiving a first

command and a second command, respectively, wherein the first phone number and the second phone

number are sequentially included in a stored list, wherein the second command is provided in response

to a completion of the first call; and

deleting, by the computer based calling system, the first phone number and the second phone

number from the stored list in response to the completion of the first call and the second call,

respectively, wherein the completion of the first call or the completion of the second call includes

contacting an intended recipient of the a user.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising receiving an indication that at

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least one of the first or second commands is input via an abbreviated command.

- 10. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 8, further comprising receiving an indication that at least one of the first or second commands is input via a voice command.
- 11. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 8, further comprising receiving an indication that at least one of the first or second commands is input via one or more key buttons of a communications device that performs the sequentially initiating and the deleting.
- 12. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 8, further comprising outputting a pre-recorded message associated with at least one of the first or second phone numbers before initiating a call to at least one of the first or second phone numbers.
- 13. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 12, wherein outputting a pre-recorded message includes outputting a stored voice message.
- 14. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 8, further comprising returning to one of the first or second phone numbers in response to the first or second call to the first or second phone number being unanswered.
- 15. (**Currently Amended**) The method of claim 14, wherein the <u>unanswered call is placed in a queue</u>
  of the stored list.returning is performed without manually entering the one of the first or second phone
  numbers.

- 16. (**Currently Amended**) The method of claim 8, further comprising rescheduling the initiating a call to a particular one of the first or second phone numbers in response to the particular one of the first or second phone numbers call being unanswered.
- 17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the <u>rescheduled call is placed in a</u>

  <u>predetermined time slot in the stored list rescheduling is performed without manually entering the particular one of the first or second phone numbers.</u>
- 18. (**Currently Amended**) The method of claim 8, further comprising forming the <u>stored</u> list to include phone numbers of calls that were received by a communications device and not answered.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the forming uses a caller ID.
- 20. (**Currently Amended**) The method of claim 18, wherein forming the <u>stored</u> list includes forming a schedule that details when at least one of the first or second phone numbers is to be initiated.
- 21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for receiving at least one of a plurality of commands to initiate a call to at least one of a plurality of phone numbers included in a list, wherein each command of the plurality of commands corresponds to a different phone number of the plurality of phone numbers, wherein each of the plurality of commands after the first command is available in response to a completion of a previous call resulting from the initiating a of the call to the at least one of the plurality of phone numbers included in the list, wherein the completion of the previous call includes contacting an intended recipient of the auser;

means for outputting a pre-recorded message that is associated with the <u>at least</u> one of the <u>plurality of phone numbers;</u>

means for initiating a-the call to the at least one of the plurality of phone numbers after in response to the outputting of the pre-recorded message by the outputting means; and means for resolving a call to the one of the phone numbers that is a result of the initiating.

- 22. (**Currently Amended**) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the means for receiving <u>a at least one</u> of the plurality of commands is configured to receive an abbreviated command.
- 23. (**Currently Amended**) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the means for receiving a at least one of the plurality of commands is configured to receive a voice command.
- 24. (**Currently Amended**) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the means for receiving a at least one of the plurality of commands is configured to receive input via one or more key buttons.
- 25. (**Currently Amended**) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the means for outputting a-the prerecorded message is configured to output a stored voice message.
- 26. (**Previously Presented**) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the resolving means includes means for returning to the one of the phone numbers in response to determining that the call to the one of the telephone numbers is unanswered.
- 27. (**Currently Amended**) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the <u>unanswered call is placed in a</u> gueue of the list.returning means is configured to perform without manual entry of the first of the

plurality of phone numbers.

- 28. (**Currently Amended**) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the returning means is configured to reschedule the initiating of a call to the first of the plurality of phone numbers in response to the first of the plurality of phone numbers being unanswered.
- 29. (**Currently Amended**) An apparatus of claim 28, wherein the <u>rescheduled call is placed in a</u>

  <u>predetermined time slot in the list</u>returning means is configured to perform without manual entry of the <u>first of the plurality of phone numbers</u>.
- 30. (**Previously Presented**) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising means for forming the list to include one or more of the plurality of phone numbers that correspond to one or more calls that were received but not answered.
- 31. (**Previously Presented**) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the means for forming is configured to use a caller ID.
- 32. (**Previously Presented**) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein means for forming the list is configured to form a schedule that details when a call to at least one of the plurality of phone numbers is to be initiated.
- 33. (**Currently Amended**) One or more tangible non-transitory computer-readable media comprising instructions that are executable by a communications device that, in response to being executed, perform the operations comprising:

initiating a call to a plurality of phone numbers included in a list stored by the communications device sequentially such that the of initiating of a call to at least two of the plurality of phone numbers is initiated by respective commands, sequentially, wherein the respective commands are available in response to a completion of a previous call resulting from initiating a call to at least one of the plurality of phone numbers included in the list, wherein the completion of the previous call includes contacting an intended recipient of the auser; and

returning to one or more of the plurality of phone numbers that are unanswered.

- 34. (**Previously Presented**) The one or more tangible computer-readable media of claim 33, wherein at least one of the plurality of sequential commands is input via an abbreviated command.
- 35. (**Previously Presented**) The one or more tangible computer readable media of claim 33, wherein at least one of the plurality of sequential commands is input via a voice command.
- 36. (**Previously Presented**) The one or more tangible computer readable media of claim 33, wherein at least one of the plurality of sequential commands is input via one or more key buttons of the communications device.
- 37. (**Previously Presented**) The one or more tangible computer-readable media of claim 33, wherein the instructions are further configured to cause an output of a pre-recorded message associated with a particular one of the plurality of phone numbers before initiating the call.
- 38. (**Previously Presented**) The one or more tangible computer readable media of claim 37, wherein the instructions are executable by the communications device to output a stored voice message.

- 39. (**Currently Amended**) The one or more tangible computer-readable media of claim 33, wherein the <u>unanswered call is placed in a queue of the list return is performed without manually entering the one or more of the plurality of phone numbers.</u>
- 40. (**Currently Amended**) The one or more tangible computer-readable media of claim 33, wherein the returning includes rescheduling the initiating of a call to the unanswered one or more said of the plurality of phone numbers in response to the one or more said phone numbers being unanswered.
- 41. (**Previously Presented**) The one or more tangible computer-readable media of claim 33, wherein the instructions are executable to form the list to include phone numbers of calls that were received by the communications device and not answered.
- 42. (**Previously Presented**) The one or more tangible computer readable media of claim 41, wherein the instructions are executable to form the list using a caller ID.
- 43. (**Previously Presented**) The one or more tangible computer-readable media of claim 41, wherein the instructions are executable to form the list as a schedule that details when a call to at least one said phone number is to be initiated.
- 44. (**Currently Amended**) A communications device comprising:

a processor and memory having instructions that are executable, wherein the instructions cause the communications device to perform operations including:

forming a list having a plurality of phone numbers of unanswered calls of the communications

device; and

sequentially initiating a call to the plurality of phone numbers included in the list, such that wherein the initiating of a call to at least two of the plurality of phone numbers is initiated by respective commands, sequentially, wherein the respective commands are available in response to a completion of a previous call resulting from initiating a call to at least one of the plurality of phone numbers included in the list, wherein the completion of the previous call includes contacting an intended recipient of the a user.

- 45. (**Previously Presented**) The communications device of claim 44, wherein at least one of the plurality of sequential commands is input via an abbreviated command.
- 46. (**Previously Presented**) The communications device of claim 44, wherein at least one of the plurality of sequential commands is input via a voice command.
- 47. (**Previously Presented**) The communications device of claim 44, wherein at least one of the plurality of sequential commands is input via one or more key buttons of the communications device.
- 48. (**Previously Presented**) The communications device of claim 44, wherein the instructions are further executable to output a pre-recorded message associated with one of the plurality of phone numbers before the initiating a call to the phone number.
- 49. (**Previously Presented**) The communications device of claim 48, wherein the instructions are executable on the processor to output the pre-recorded message as a stored voice message.

- 50. (**Previously Presented**) The communications device of claim 44, further comprising instructions executable on the processor to reschedule the initiation of the call to a particular said telephone number in response to determining that a call directed to the particular said phone number is unanswered.
- 51. (**Previously Presented**) The communications device of claim 50, wherein the instructions to reschedule the initiation of the call are configured to perform the initiation of the call without manually entering the particular said phone number.
- 52. (**Previously Presented**) The communications device of claim 44, further comprising instructions that are executable to form the list using caller IDs to include phone numbers of calls that were received by the communications device and were not answered.
- 53. (**Previously Presented**) The communications device of claim 52, wherein the instructions to form the list are configured to form a schedule that details when a call to at least one of the plurality of phone numbers is to be initiated.

## 54. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

initiating, by a computer based calling system, a first call by initiating the first call to a first phone number in response to receiving a first command, wherein the first phone number is selected from a list of phone numbers comprising the first phone number and a second phone number, wherein the first phone number and the second phone number are sequentially included in the list;

deleting, by the computer based calling system, the first phone number from the list in response to completing the initiating of the first call to the first phone number;

initiating, by the computer based calling system, a second call after completing the initiating of the first call in response to receiving a second command; and

deleting, by the computer based calling system, the second phone number from the list in response to completing the initiating of the second call to the second phone number, wherein the completion of the first call or a completion of the second call includes contacting an intended recipient of the auser.

- 55. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 54, wherein the first command is the same as the second command.
- 56. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 54, wherein the first command is different from the second command.
- 57. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 54, further comprising receiving an indication that at least one of the first command or the second command is input via an abbreviated command.
- 58. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 54, further comprising receiving an indication that at least one of the first command or the second command is input via a voice command.
- 59. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 54, further comprising receiving an indication that at least one of the first command or the second command is input via one or more key buttons of the communications device.
- 60. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 54, further comprising outputting a pre-recorded

message associated with at least one of the first or second phone numbers before initiating a call to the respective one of the first or second phone numbers.

- 61. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 60, wherein outputting a pre-recorded message includes outputting a stored voice message.
- 62. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 54, further comprising returning to the first or second phone number in response to a call to the respective first or second phone number not being answered.
- 63. (**Currently Amended**) The method of claim 62, wherein the returning is performed without manually entering the respective first or second phone number.
- 64. (**Currently Amended**) The method of claim 54, further comprising rescheduling the initiating a call to the first or second phone number in response to a call to the respective first or second phone number call not being answered.
- 65. (**Currently Amended**) The method of claim 64, wherein the <u>rescheduled call is placed in a</u>

  predetermined time slot in the stored <u>listrescheduling</u> is performed without manually entering the respective first or second phone number.
- 66. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 54, further comprising forming the sequential list to include phone numbers of calls that were received by the communications device and not answered.

- 67. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 66, wherein the forming uses a caller ID.
- 68. (**Previously Presented**) The method of claim 66, wherein forming the sequential list includes forming a schedule that details when a call to at least one of the first or second phone numbers is to be initiated.